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## God's Blessed Man Avoiding The Counsel of the Ungodly

BY REV. CHARLES E. FULLER

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"2. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

"3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

"4. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

"5. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

"6. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

What a wonderful, soul-thrilling experience it is on a clear cloudless night to view the heavens above, to see at certain times of the year such planets as Mars and Venus, such constellations as Arcturus and Vega and Orion and the Dippers, and the North Star and the Pleiades. Truly the heavens declare the glory of God. As a boy I spent many an evening out in father's orange ranch searching the heavens; many a night in the cool summer evenings I lay on my back, gazing up there into the realms above, and I would wonder, "Where is God? How far away are those beautiful stars that are sending such pure white light across the trillions of miles? What keeps the stars in their places?" and many other questions. And as I began to contemplate the power of God, I felt unutterably weak. How weak man is compared to the Almighty God, who holdeth the stars in His hand, who upholdeth all things by the power of His might. "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades?" (Job 38:39) God asked Job in the hour of deep trial.

Well, the cluster of stars called the Pleiades do have some special influence upon the heavenly bodies astronomically speaking; what their influence is has not been fully determined.

The Poetic Books of the Bible, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

There is a cluster of stars, of books in the Old Testament, from Job to the Song of Solomon, a cluster that might be called the Pleiades of the Word of God. And the sweet influences of this cluster of books, thank God, has never been bound, but has influenced the lives of men and women ages past.



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## INTRODUCTION TO BOOK, "PRAYER—Asking and Receiving"

BY OSWALD J. SMITH, D.D., LITT.D., F.R.G.S.

Dr. John R. Rice has written many wonderful books, but none, I venture to say, more helpful than this. It is the most exhaustive study of prayer I have read for a long time. Every chapter shows extensive research and investigation.

I was particularly struck by the many telling illustrations and examples, all from real life. The average book on Prayer is more or less abstract in its teaching, but not this. It bristles with stories from everyday life; in fact, the numerous personal experiences, with which the author drives home his points, are so convincing that all doubt is immediately swept aside.

To Dr. Rice prayer is real, prayer is vital; it is as natural to expect God to answer prayer as it is to expect water the moment the hand turns the faucet. The Christian who does not know the power of prayer is missing everything really worth while in the Christian life. Results are achieved by prayer. It is prayer that moves the Hand that rules the world.

Perhaps the most startling chap-

ters are the two on "Hindered Prayer." They throw an abundance of light on the problem of unanswered prayer. I doubt if anyone will be able to read them without being convicted. They are positively the most practical chapters in the book. The matters dealt with are of a personal nature, and, long before these chapters are ended, there will be deep searchings of heart and genuine old-fashioned repentance and restitution.

Both from Bible examples and present day experiences, Dr. Rice proves that even miracles are to be expected in answer to prayer. He in no wise limits the Holy Ghost, yet there is nothing unscriptural nor fanatical in his insistence on the supernatural. Numerous authorities are quoted to substantiate his position.

Questions regarding faith, fasting, praying through, the will of God, importunity, Divine healing, etc., are dealt with in a masterly way. In fact, his teaching on prayer for physical healing is most il-

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## 8 Great Days' Conference on EVANGELISM

November 8-15, Bethany Reformed Church, 111th Place and Perry Avenue, Chicago. Speakers Dr. Oswald J. Smith, Dr. Joe Henry Hankins, Dr. Harry J. Hager, Dr. H. A. Ironside, Evangelist John R. Rice, and Others

After months of prayer and planning, arrangements are completed for an eight days' CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM in Chicago, November 8 to 15, to be held at the big Bethany Reformed Church, at 111th Place and Perry Avenue. That is the Roseland section, on the extreme south side of Chicago. Dr. Harry J. Hager is the pastor of this church, and by his kind and urgent invitation, the CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM was arranged to meet in his church. The conference will be sponsored by *The Sword of the Lord*, under the direction of its editor.

Dr. Oswald J. Smith, of the Peoples Church, Toronto, Canada, will be one of the speakers. He is internationally known as an evangelist, as a writer of many books which have totaled almost a quarter of a million circulation, we understand, and as a missionary leader. He has done a blessed work of evangelism in Toronto. The Peoples Church attracts great crowds, and there are many conversions. Dr. Smith has been in mission fields around the world. Just now the People's Church, under Dr. Smith's leadership, sends support to 200 foreign missionaries. We are so glad to have Dr. Smith's help in this CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM.

Dr. Joe Henry Hankins, a Southern Baptist, who has just closed a great ministry in the First Baptist Church of Little Rock, Arkansas, entering the full-time revival work, will also be a speaker in the entire week at the CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM. In five years and three months at the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Dr. Hankins received 3,107 new members into the church and saw thousands of conversions in Little Rock and in campaigns outside of Little Rock. He is a fervent, Scriptural, Spirit-anointed preacher. We believe he has a blessed message on revivals and how to have them, and will arouse Christians to win souls.

Dr. H. A. Ironside, pastor of Moody Church, has agreed to speak on Sunday afternoon, God willing.

Dr. Harry J. Hager, pastor of the Bethany Reformed Church, is the Chairman for Evangelism in his denomination, and is a fervent gospel preacher, true to the message that ye must be born again. We have asked Dr. Hager to help us on the program though the details have not been completed.

Professor Elbert Thurwalden Tindley, with Mrs. Tindley, has promised to be with us for the

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BY H. A. IRONSIDE, LITT.D.

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"And Jesus answered them saying, the hour is come that the Son of Man should be glorified. . . . And I if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto Me. This He said, signifying what death He should die. The people answered Him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: but how sayest Thou, the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" (John 12:23, 32-34).

The title which our blessed Saviour and Lord seemed most to delight in when He was on earth was that of "SON OF MAN." Its very universality had a large appeal for the heart of Him who came "not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." As to the mystery of His person, He was first of all Son of God, though born of a virgin mother. As the promised Seed through whom all nations are yet to be blessed, He was the Son of Abraham. As Israel's Messiah and King, He was the Son of David. But as heir of the world and Saviour of mankind, He was the Son of Man.

Thoughtless persons, and surface thinkers, have often declared that Christ nowhere announced His own deity. From this they have drawn the conclusion that He was not God incarnate, but was simply a god-like man, the best and the greatest that the human race has produced. It was His admiring disciples, they tell us, and other followers of His in the early Christian centuries who, in their thinking, raised Him to the plane of deity, and worshipped Him as more than man.

All such assertions are based upon mere assumptions and ignorance. It is true that our Lord nowhere said in so many words, "I am God the Son become man for the redemption of the human race; I am the second person of the eternal Trinity, and, therefore, to be worshipped as God the Father is worshipped." To have done so would have been self-assertion, ill-becoming the humiliation to which He had stooped in grace, when He came from the glory of the Father down to this dark world of sin. But no one can carefully read the Gos-



DR. H. A. IRONSIDE

pel records with unprejudiced mind, without seeing that He acted as none but God could act on many occasions. For instance, when He multiplied the loaves and stilled the raging tempests by His word. And "He spake as never man spake," using language concerning Himself, which would be either meaningless or crudely bombastic, if He had not known Himself to be God manifest in the flesh.

This comes out very clearly in connection with His use of the very title which unbelievers insist is in itself a denial of deity. I want to ask you hearers to constitute yourselves a jury and listen to the evidence which He himself gives concerning His divine personality, and then I would have you answer, each for himself, the question put by the perturbed Jews as recorded in

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## How George Muller Came to Accept Baptism of Believers Only, By Immersion

"While at Sidmouth, preaching, in April, 1830, three believing sisters held in his presence a conversation about 'believer's baptism,' which proved the suggestion of another important step in his life, which has a wider bearing than at first is apparent.

"They naturally asked his opinion on the subject about which they were talking, and he replied that, having been baptized as a child, he saw no need of being baptized again. Being further asked if he had ever yet prayerfully searched the Word of God as to its testimony in this matter, he frankly confessed that he had not.

"At once, with unmistakable plainness of speech and with rare fidelity, one of these sisters in Christ promptly said: 'I entreat you, then, never again to speak any more about it till you have done so.'

"Such a reply George Muller was not the man either to resent or to resist. He was too honest and conscientious to dismiss without due reflection any challenge to search the oracles of God for their witness upon any given question. Moreover, if, at that very time, his preaching was emphatic in any direction, it was in the boldness with

which he insisted that all pulpit teaching and Christian practice must be subjected to one great test, namely, the touchstone of the word of God. Already an Elijah in spirit, his great aim was to repair the broken-down altar of the Lord, to expose and rebuke all that hindered a thoroughly scriptural worship and service, and, if possible, to restore apostolic simplicity of doctrine and life.

"As he thought and prayed about this matter, he was forced to admit to himself that he had never yet earnestly examined the Scriptures for their teaching as to the position and relation of baptism in the believer's life, nor had he even prayed for light upon it. He had nevertheless repeatedly spoken against believers' baptism, and so he saw it to be possible that he might himself have been opposing the teaching of the Word. He therefore determined to study the subject until he should reach a final, satisfactory, and scriptural conclusion; and thenceforth, whether led to defend infant baptism or believers' baptism, to do it only on scriptural grounds.

"The mode of study which he followed was characteristically

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## "WHO IS THIS SON OF MAN?"

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John 12:34, "Who is this Son of Man?"

I shall select seven passages out of the scores that are available, and I beg you to note what is implied in each one of them concerning the true nature of this blessed One who calls Himself the Son of Man.

### I. Lord of the Sabbath

In Matthew 12, verses 1 to 8, we have the familiar incident of the Lord and His disciples plucking the ears of corn on the Sabbath day. In meeting the objections of the Pharisees, who claimed that such procedure was unlawful on the Sabbath, He declares, "The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath day."

What a remarkable statement to come from the lips of a mere man! The Sabbath was the sign of God's covenant relationship with His people Israel. Again and again He asserts His own authority in a special way in connection with that day. In Isaiah 58:13 and 14, He says, "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

Now observe, God calls the Sabbath "My Holy Day." In other words, Jehovah Himself is Lord of the Sabbath day. While it is true that "the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath," yet no man as such, would have authority to regulate human behaviour on that day, or to decree how it should be observed. But our Lord Jesus Christ assumes that very position. He sweeps to one side the regulations of the Scribes and Pharisees, the traditions of the elders, and the additions to the law made by the rabbis, and declares that He is greater than the Temple in which the priests carry on their work on the Sabbath and are blameless, and, therefore, He absolves His disciples of all stigma of impiety because of their action as they walked with Him through the fields, and calmly announces that "the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath day." What must His hearers have thought of such a declaration? How could His disciples explain such an apparent assumption of authority unless they recognised the fact that He spoke not merely as man, but as God.

Imagine one of the rabbis declaring himself to be lord of the Sabbath day! Think of any prophet in Israel making such a declaration! But Jesus does this very thing. In view of it, I put the question to you today, and beg you to thoughtfully consider ere you answer, "Who is this Son of Man?"

### II. The Saviour of Sinners

Let us now turn to Luke's Gospel, chapter 19, verse 10. "For the Son of Man is come TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST." These words were spoken, as you will recall, in connection with our Lord's visit to Jericho, when He went to be a guest in the home of Zacchaeus, the Publican. In answer to the carping criticism of the self-righteous Jews who blamed Him for going "to be a guest with a man that is a sinner," He declares, "This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham." That is, He recognizes the faith that was in the heart of Zacchaeus, and, therefore, links him up with believing Abraham, and then he tells of the great mission of the Son of Man. He came not to call the righteous, but to seek and to save that which was lost. Now observe, He does not say that He came to show the lost how they might be saved. He did not come to instruct them as to what to do in order that they might be delivered from their sad condition. He did not come to point them to some one greater than Himself, who could do for them what He could not. But He Himself came to seek them out as the Good Shepherd, and to save them from their lost estate. The Psalmist said, "In God is my salvation," but here is the Son, who to all outward appearances is

but a man among men, and yet the Saviour of sinners! Again I ask you to consider well the question and to answer as you will wish you had in the day of judgment, "Who is this Son of Man?"

### III. The Forgiver of Sins

In the next instance, we will look at the Gospel of Mark, chapter 2, verse 10. "The Son of Man hath POWER ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS." It is the well-known story of the healing of the palsied man who came to Him borne of four, and when they could not get near to where the blessed Lord was, they uncovered the roof, and let the sick man down by cords at the very feet of Jesus. We are told that, "When Jesus saw their faith, He said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts. Why doth this Man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? And immediately when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, He said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy), I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. And immediately he arose, took up his bed, and went forth before them all! inasmuch that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion."

What a marvellous scene, and what a testimony to the mysterious wonderful character of the teacher and healer who stood in their midst that day! They were

perfectly right in declaring that it would be blasphemy for any mere man to talk of forgiving sins. This was the prerogative of God alone. And yet our Lord claimed the ability to do this very thing, and not only claimed it, but evidenced His authority by rebuking the disease and healing the palsied man.

They could not have known whether His forgiveness was valid or not, had He simply uttered the words, but accompanied as these words were, by the miracle of healing, they must have realized in their souls that God the Father confirmed the declaration of His Son.

The Son of Man then has power on earth to forgive sins. On more than one occasion, He exercised this power. Weary, conscience-stricken, sin-stricken souls came weeping to His feet, and went away rejoicing in a sense of divine forgiveness. Oh, cavalier, I beg of you, do not seek to turn aside the force of this, but face the question honestly. "Who is this Son of Man?" Can He who thus forgives sin be any less than God Himself in grace become man for our redemption?

### IV. The Kinsman Redeemer

In the tenth chapter of the same Gospel, we have another marvellous declaration. In verse 45, we read, "For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." In the Forty-ninth Psalm, we read of all the sons of men, that "none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him." The reason, of course, is that every man is under the sentence of death and judgment for his own sins, and, therefore, no one has merit sufficient to enable him to redeem another from the power of the grave. The eighth verse as literally translated, emphasizes this. "For the redemption

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**PATTY LOU OF THE GOLDEN WEST** by Basil Miller. "When 14-year-old Patty Lou, rollicking, talented, popular daughter of a seafaring, wealthy ship-captain, accepted Christ as her own Saviour, her love of sun, adventure and a good time did not change." Action, suspense, thrills. Converted in an airplane crash, Patty Lou on her palomino horse saves a baby from death, turns down a fabulous film offer, proves herself a splendid airplane pilot, horsewoman, public speaker, etc. Although overdrawn and ordinary as literature, the book is wholesome, clean, and Christian

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of the soul is costly, and must be let alone for ever."

So far then as man is concerned, mere man, sinful man, corrupt man, it is hopeless looking for redemption through his poor efforts. But here in the Gospel is the One who calls Himself the Son of Man, and yet makes the amazing statement that *He is come to give His life a ransom for many*. Here is the true Kinsman-Redeemer, the One for whom Job yearned. He can put His hand upon both God and man, and bring the offended Majesty of the Heavens and the guilty sinner together in peace, through His own atoning death. Who can this wondrous Person be who claims that He came to earth on so marvellous a mission? "Who is this Son of Man?"

## V. Lord of the Angels

Turning back to Matthew, let us notice chapter 13, verse 41, "The Son of Man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His Kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity." Can you imagine any mere mortal in his right mind speaking like this? Angels are supernatural beings greater in power and might than mankind, and yet the Son of Man speaks of His angels, and asserts His authority over them. They do His bidding. He sends them, and they act in accordance with His orders.

The founders of the great oriental religious systems never dreamed of speaking like this. Gautama Buddha never talked of his angels. Zoroaster, the founder of the religion of the Parsees, nowhere assumed authority over the hosts of Heaven. Mohammed, while claiming signal honours, never took so high a place as this.

For any other man to speak of sending forth his angels would be an evidence of *paranoia*. We would brand him immediately as insane, and we should expect to find him saying and doing most extravagant things. But there is no evidence of lack of mental balance here. Our blessed Lord was speaking in the calmest possible way when He made such astounding assertions, and it never even occurred to anyone to call His words in question. As Son of Man, He was the Sower of the good seed, and it is the Son of Man who will send forth His angels to destroy the tares and gather in the harvest at the end of the age. Again I plead with you, face the question honestly, and answer it, as in the presence of God, "Who is this Son of Man?"

## VI. Coming in Power and Glory

In Matthew 24, our Lord answers

in its influence, and will be read, we think, with keenest interest by girls. 67 pages. Hard board binding, pretty jacket, price 50c. Zondervan Publishing House.

**EARTHEN VESSELS** by John R. Church, D. D. The sub-title is "The Human Element in Holiness." Dr. Church is a general evangelist of the Methodist Church and the book is about "entire sanctification." The author takes the position that after people are born again they need a second work of grace, the eradication of carnality. This eradication of the sin root, entirely, takes place, thinks Dr. Church, by "the baptism of the Holy Spirit." After Holiness people have been entirely sanctified, and all their carnality has been eradicated, Dr. Church says that anger, impatience and disobedience to God are not sin, but only manifestations of humanity, "the earthen vessel!"

We believe that Dr. Church is a sincere and earnest man who loves the Lord. But the book is thoroughly unsound. On salvation by grace and eternal security the author seems not to know anything of the finished work of Christ that is imputed to the Christian when he believes. Baptism, without any reference to what the word actually means in the Greek language, means *purification* to Dr. Church. We do not recommend the book. Sound Bible teachers everywhere will be against it and it will not be acceptable to any group except the outright Holiness group who claim to be sinless, and yet need to explain why they do wrong. We are sorry to see the book published by publishers who usually put out sound books. 56 pages, price 25c, paper. Zondervan.

certain questions of His disciples in regard to His second Coming. In verse 27, He says, "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the Coming of the Son of Man be." In verse 30, He adds, "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in Heaven, and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man Coming in the clouds of Heaven with power and great glory."

In the verse that follows, He again uses the same expression that has already challenged our attention in the previous instance. He says, "He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

Further down in the chapter in verses 37 to 39, He says, "But as the days of Noe were so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered the ark. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be."

And again in verse 44, "Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

Six times then in this one chapter, and again in verse 31 of chapter 25, He speaks of the return of the Son of Man. That return is to be accomplished by a marvellous display of divine power. His Coming will be as lightning flashing across the Heavens. He will be seen riding in glory upon the clouds of the sky. He will appear as the Judge of all living, and their destiny will be determined by Himself. Could there be any stronger proof that He knew He was God incarnate? What amazing declarations for any man to make, unless that Man be also God! Read this chapter carefully; weigh each expression thoughtfully, and then be honest enough to face the question without any bias or prejudice, "Who is this Son of Man?"

## VII. The Life-Giver and Judge

We shall pause to look at but one more passage, and this is found in the fifth chapter of the Gospel of John. Let us read verses 25 to 29, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in Himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself; And hath given authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

In verse 25, He speaks of Himself as Son of God, who during all this age of grace is quickening dead souls. They who hear His voice, though dead in trespasses and sins, receive divine and eternal life. It is the will of the Father thus to save all who trust in Him, and the Father has delegated the execution of judgment to Him, because He is the Son of Man.

We know from other Scriptures that men must stand at the judgment bar of God. It is "God who will bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil" (Eccles. 12:14). But when men are summoned from the tomb, and stand at the bar of God, they will behold seated upon the Great White Throne, the Son of Man. His voice it is that will awaken the dead. Both the saved and the unsaved shall rise at His call; the saved in the resurrection of life, and the unsaved in the resurrection of judgment; and every man shall give account to Him. He attributes to Himself the fullest divine authority. He makes Himself the touchstone of every heart; He assumes the right to judge every man. Such claims are nothing short of blasphemous unless He be in very truth the divine Son of the living God, one with the Father from all eternity.

In closing, I plead with you again, if you have had any doubt

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and will continue as long as time lasts. These five books are Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon. Now, let's take these books as a unit for just a few moments. I want you to get the background of the first chapter of Psalms, and let's see what each teaches, and then putting the five together see how they speak of a full, rounded, fruitful Christian life.

Now just in a word, the book of Job deals with the subject of death of self, of self being crucified, the worthlessness of self. Paul spoke of the same thing when he said, "In me, that is in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing," and we see Job coming to the end of himself at the forty-second chapter, and saying, "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself."

Right over against that, the other arm of the cross, shall I put it, over against that worthlessness of self we come to the Psalm of life. Over against the worthlessness of self we have the worthfulness of Christ, life in Christ, that new life, eternal life, walking in newness of life. And the blessed man, the born-again Christian, can sing and say, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters." (Ps. 23:1, 2). And then he can say, "Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down." (Ps. 37:1). Trust in the Lord, delight thyself also in the Lord, commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. That is what comes of being a new creation in Christ Jesus, walking in newness of life. For "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." "Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust." And "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day." (Ps. 91:1-5). Oh, how those wonderful 150 Psalms become the very life, power and blood of the new life in Christ Jesus!

Worthlessness of self in Job, life of Christ in Psalms, and in Proverbs we come into the school of Christ.

Now the word Proverbs means to rule or govern. You remember back in the first chapter of Genesis, how God made two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. Well, that is exactly what the Proverbs are, to rule or govern us in this wilderness journey. These Proverbs are the wisdom-holders, light-holders, and their purpose is to rule with heavenly light man's conduct on this earth. It is night-time, friend; we need the Word of God as never before, and the entrance of that Word

concerning the person of Jesus in the past, to weigh all this evidence, and answer the question in the light of that judgment throne, "WHO IS THIS SON OF MAN?"

"Majestic sweetness sits enthroned Upon the Saviour's brow; His head with radiant glories crowned, His lips with grace o'erflow."

"No mortal can with Him compare, Among the sons of men; Fairer is He than all the fair That fill the heavenly train."

"He saw me plunged in deep distress, And flew to my relief; For me He bore the shameful cross, And carried all my grief."

"To Him I owe my life and breath, And all the joys I have; He makes me triumph over death, And saves me from the grave."

"Since from His bounty I receive Such proofs of love divine, Had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord, they should all be Thine."

(From the book *God's Unspeakable Gift*, published in England; imported by Loizeaux Brothers; now out of print. Used by the kind permission of the author.)

giveth light. We need wisdom from above. We need these light-holders, these Proverbs, a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. And we are commanded to "trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path"—through these wisdom-holders, light-holders.

Ecclesiastes? Why, that's the emptiness of earth, and the man sitting there under the sun says, "All is vanity, all is vanity." The emptiness of earth! Let me tell you something: you get a glimpse of the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ and this old earth will have no attraction. It will be utterly empty.

And then the Song of Solomon is the fullness of Christ, the worthfulness of Christ. Paul said, "For me to live is Christ." There is a story beautifully told—I'll tell it to you just in a moment, just in a few words, how a mother and son and daughter had a little herd of sheep and one day they were resting under the shade of a tree in Palestine, and a beautiful, a fine handsome young man, a shepherd lad, came by with his flock of sheep. He rested, too, under the tree, and the fine shepherd lad fell in love with the daughter, and they became engaged. The young shepherd lad had to go on his way up into the hills of Judaea, and while he was away, the king of the land came through with a great retinue of servants, and a great following, and beautifully arrayed in all the authority of his office. And he tried in every way to win the young, espoused bride-to-be from her husband-to-be. You know, she said in so many words, "No, I am true to my absent shepherd lad, and I'm going to be married to him some day."

The application is this, that you and I have been espoused, engaged, to the Lord Jesus Christ, and Satan the prince of the power of the air, the angel of light, comes by in all of his attractiveness, and tries to get us aside, and to follow him. But the true member of the body of Christ says this, "No, my Lord, my bridegroom, is absent; He's up in the glory. And I'm going to be married to Him some day, in the marriage supper of the Lamb. I am going to be true to Him, in spite of all the attractions of this world." I feel like saying, "Amen!" to that.

The death of self, life in Christ, the school of Christ, the emptiness of earth, and now the fullness of Christ! You know, I feel led to just turn to the third chapter of Ephesians, and read there in that sixteenth verse, "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;" now listen, "And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." (Eph. 3:16-19). And if you are filled with Him, this old world is empty.

## Psalm 1: The Blessed Man

Now the first Psalm; the Lord willing, we will spend a few Sunday nights, a few Sunday broadcasts, on the first Psalm. With your Bibles open there I want you to examine this wonderful Psalm, because it tells us of the blessed man, how he walks in newness of life, and this first Psalm briefly speaks of the experience of one who has been truly born again, walking in newness of life. A contrast between not only the truly born-again one, the spiritually-minded child of God, but also in contrast with those who are still in the natural, not born again. "For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

Now this new creation—I just want you to be so spiritually hungry and so grasping for this new life in Christ Jesus that you'll not wait a moment but accept Christ as your personal Saviour. This new creation in Christ Jesus is a happy man, a blessed man. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly"—literally, "How happy is the man" or "Blessings to that man who walks not

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in the counsel of the ungodly." Now, first of all, it is possible for man to be supremely happy on this wilderness journey in this present life, in this present world of sin, war and blood-shed. It is not speaking of angels or some supernatural being, but man—a man of like passions as Elijah of old, who prayed that the heavens would be dry and bound for three and a half years, and who prayed again and heaven opened and rain fell. Now, listen to me, happiness does not come through the possession of material things. For He said unto His disciples, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness, for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Man thinks he has to have acres of stocks and bonds, and great possessions in order to be happy. No! The happy man is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, and is not taken away nor carried about by the deceitfulness of riches. Happiness—listen carefully—comes from within. It is Christ in you, the hope of glory. And I want to tell you, there are a lot of people that are putting on a shell, a veneer, and they're, oh, so sweet, and so suave on the outside, but inside that heart has no rest, is under condemnation. "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." And this blessed man is one who has Christ in Him, the hope of glory. It is Christ radiating out through him as a living epistle.

Now I want you to notice, for the rest of this hour, that the blessed man does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly. Oh, what

wealth of teaching right there in that portion of that verse! God's Word declares in no uncertain tones that there are two great classes of men in the world today—the godly and the ungodly. The new-born creations in Christ, and those that are still in the natural, that have not passed from death unto life. Except a man be born again, he cannot see (let alone enter in) the kingdom of God.

Now God's Word says very clearly, "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." And the natural man is dead in trespasses and sins, alienated and separated from that life which is in Christ Jesus. The one that is born again, why, he has accepted Christ and entered into the one way into the household of faith through Christ Jesus. Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit, and his ways are not your ways.

### The Counsel of the Ungodly

Now, I want to tell you something. There is the counsel of the ungodly, and oh, the great question is this, will you listen to God's Word, which is wisdom from above, or will you listen to the wisdom and counsel of the ungodly? To the law, and to the testimony, Isaiah says. And I don't give the snap of my finger for what the ungodly say, if what they say does not line up with the Word of God. The Word of God is my final and complete and only authority. I hope that sinks in. If it isn't in the Word of God, I don't care how sweet and how beautiful things may sound from man's reasonings and man's philosophy; if it is contrary to the Word of God, it is out of the pit.

"But as many as received him"—if you will receive Him as your personal Saviour, you enter in, the Holy Spirit becomes indwelt in your heart, and He, the Holy Spirit, begins to teach you. Then you know spiritual things and you know that God's Word is true.

Now, the ungodly give counsel, and plenty of it. I have heard them say that there is no such thing as sin. No sin. Man, they say, evolved from a wriggling snake or something back there aeons ago. He's been gradually evolving, evolving—well, he's made an awful mess of it, if you look at the world today! When is he going to evolve, heaven tell me, please, and become as God? No, sir! Man, according to God's Word, was created in the image of God, perfect in that relationship, and sin entered in, and men became separated, cut off, alienated, and he's gone down to the depths because of sin. It is only the love of God that is come in and is raising man to the height that he should be raised up.

Ungodly men say there is no judgment. They say that the Word of God is full of contradictions. It's not true. They say that the Bible contains the Word of God. They don't want it. They don't take it. But they take some of the moral precepts or some nice teaching, and leave out the cross, and think they can gain Heaven by their own works of righteousness, and so on, and so on. I want to tell you something. The ungodly teaching is diametrically opposed to the Word of God, and it comes from none other than from Satan, the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.

You read in James about those two different sources of wisdom. There is that wisdom which is from above. It is first pure, then peaceable, then yielded—and he goes on to tell us some wonderful things that follow thereafter. But there is a wisdom which is from

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simple, thorough, and business-like, and was always pursued afterward. He first sought from God the Spirit's teaching that his eyes might be opened to the Word's witness, and his mind illumined; then he set about a systematic examination of the New Testament from beginning to end. So far as possible he sought absolutely to rid himself of all bias of previous opinion or practice, prepossession or prejudice; he prayed and endeavored to be free from the influence of human tradition, popular custom, and churchly sanction, or that more subtle hindrance, *personal pride in his own consistency*. He was humble enough to be willing to retract any erroneous teaching and renounce any false position, and to espouse that wise maxim: 'Don't be consistent, but simply be true.' Whatever may have been the case with others who claim to have examined the same question for themselves, the result in this case was that he came to the conclusion, and, as he believed, from the word of God and the Spirit of God, that none but believers are the proper subjects of baptisms, and that only immersion is its proper mode. Two passages of Scripture were very marked in the prominence which they had in compelling him to these conclusions, namely: Acts 8: 36-38, and Romans 6: 3-5. The case of the Ethiopian eunuch strongly convinced him that baptism is proper, only as the act of a believer confessing Christ; and the passage in the Epistle to the Romans equally satisfied him that only immersion in water can express the typical burial with Christ and resurrection with Him, there and elsewhere made so prominent. He intended no assault upon brethren

beneath—sensual, devilish.

I am trusting my soul for time and eternity on the pure, unadulterated Word of God, "thus saith the Lord." And if I never preach to you again, I want you to remember that, that I am not trusting to some old wives' fable, some philosophy, some man's creed, but I am trusting Christ, and Christ alone. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the ends thereof are the ways of death." And man has his creeds and philosophies, and oh, how they like to temper down the facts of sin, and of Hell, and of eternal punishment, that men are lost and bound for a Christless eternity. Oh, I want to wake you up, that you've got an eternal soul, and the destiny of that soul is determined by what you do with God's beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank God, the blessed man's daily walk and manner of life is not directed by the counsel of the ungodly, but by the Word of God. His Word is a lamp unto his feet, and a light unto his path, and believers believe that there is a Heaven to gain and a Hell to shun. They believe in the eternal, everlasting punishment of the wicked, for "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," that there's no other way, but that Christ is the one way, the one foundation, and no man cometh unto the father except through Him.

Which will it be? Will you take the Word of God, or will you take the counsel of the ungodly? God grant that you take "thus saith the Lord." Let's bow our heads in prayer.

### Prayer

"Our Father: We thank Thee for Thy Word which says, 'he that heareth my word and believeth on Him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life' and we believe it. We have experienced it, and we have come into that newness of life—new creations in Christ Jesus. Sweep away the sandy foundations of man's own thinking and imagining, and may thousands come out on the one foundation of Christ and Him crucified, for we ask it in His name, Amen."

Just in these few minutes, precious seconds, you are making the decision for time and eternity. God grant that you will take God's counsel, which says, "Come, let us reason together. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." Come, are you weary and heavy laden? Well, come. God bless you. We trust to be with you next Sunday.

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eight days. Brother Tindley is the greatest negro soloist in America, and one of the greatest of any race, in the editor's judgment. His father was the late Dr. Albert Tindley, pastor of the Tindley Temple, negro Methodist Church in Philadelphia, with thousands of members, and the author of "Nothing Between My Soul and the Saviour," "Take your Burden to the Lord and Leave It There," "We'll Understand It Better Bye and Bye," and many other very useful gospel songs and hymns. The younger Tindley was offered a fine salary to sing in the motion picture, "Green Pastures," but refused to leave his work as a humble soul-winner and singer for Christ. Mrs. Tindley is a coloratura soprano, and a fine piano accompanist who helps her husband.

I had the privilege of having

ren who hold other views, when he thus plainly stated in his journal the honest and unavoidable convictions to which he came; but he was too loyal both to the word of God and to his own conscience to withhold his views when so carefully and prayerfully arrived at through the searching of the Scriptures.

"Conviction compelled action, for in him there was no spirit of compromise; and he was accordingly promptly baptized. Years after, in reviewing his course, he records the solemn conviction that 'of all revealed truths, not one is more clearly revealed in the Scriptures—not even the doctrine of justification by faith—and that the subject has only become obscured by men not having been willing to take the Scriptures alone to decide the point.'

"He also bears witness incidentally that not one true friend in the Lord had ever turned his back upon him in consequence of his baptism, as he supposed some would have done; and that almost all such friends had, since then, been themselves baptized. It is true that in one way he suffered some pecuniary loss through this step taken in obedience to conviction, but the Lord did not suffer him to be ultimately the loser even in this respect, for He bountifully made up to him any such sacrifice, even in things that pertain to this life. He concludes this review of his course by adding that through his example many others were led both to examine the question of baptism anew and to submit themselves to the ordinance.

"Such experiences as these suggest the honest question whether there is not imperative need of subjecting all current religious customs and practices to the one test of conformity to the scripture pattern. Our Lord sharply rebuked the Pharisees of His day for making 'the commandment of God of none effect by their tradition,' and, after giving one instance, He added, 'and many other such like things do ye.' It is very easy for doctrines and practices to gain acceptance, which are the outgrowth of ecclesiasticism, and neither have sanction in the word of God, nor will bear the searching light of its testimony. Cyprian has forewarned us that even *antiquity is not authority*, but may be only *vetustas erroris*—the old age of error. What radical reforms would be made in modern worship, teaching and practice,—in the whole conduct of disciples and the administration of the church of God—if the one final criterion of all judgment were 'What do the Scriptures teach,' and what revolutions in our own lives as believers might take place, if we should first put every notion of truth and custom of life to this one test of scripture authority, and then with the courage of conviction dare to do according to that word—counting no cost, but studying to show ourselves approved of God! Is it possible that there are any modern disciples who 'reject the commandment of God that they may keep their own tradition'?

"This step, taken by Mr. Muller as to baptism, was only a precursor of many others, all of which, as he believed, were according to that Word which, as the lamp to the believer's feet, is to throw light upon his path."

(From *George Muller of Bristol*, by Dr. A. T. Pierson.)

Brother Tindley with me twice in Dallas. His singing is not for amusement. It will bring the most profound and moving spiritual blessing that many hearers have ever had from gospel singing. There will be tears, new dedications, and new experiences with the Lord, as we hear this beloved and Spirit-filled singer.

It is our intention to really emphasize evangelism, to stir pastors and Christian workers to pray for revivals. We expect that there will be plain teaching as well as illustration of evangelistic preaching. There will be teaching on how to win souls, how to advertise revivals, how to give the invitation or "draw the net." There will be an appeal for surrender to a lifetime of Christian service as evangelists, pastors and missionaries. We plan to have at least one night of prayer, when we will gather and wait on God, agreeing together about our problems and burdens, confessing our sins and waiting on God for revival and for the fullness of His blessing.

It is our plan, God willing, to assemble all the pastors we can get as guests of *The Sword of the Lord* for a little supper, where we can counsel together and where these beloved men of God on the program may be asked questions about revivals, and questions can be answered.

We especially want to stress the need for great cooperative revival campaigns that will reach the unsaved who do not come to ordinary church meetings. Revivals are not dead, because God is not dead. We will yet see in America, by God's grace, great multitudes of people gathered again to hear the preaching of the Word, when hundreds and thousands will be saved! We believe that this CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM will help prepare the way and fan the flames of revival.

The Christian Business Men's Committee will cooperate and Dr. Joe Henry Hankins will preach Monday through Friday on the Christian Business Men's Broadcast in the Loop in Chicago. Radio WMBI will also kindly cooperate and the speakers of the conference will speak on WMBI at 1:00 p.m. daily on the week-days of the conference.

Dr. Hankins will also speak, by the president's invitation, at Chapel in the Northern Baptist Seminary on Tuesday, November 10, and will address a class on Evangelism and answer questions.

### Pray, Pray, Pray!

There are many burdens incident to such a large conference. With a number of speakers and with services afternoon and night, the expenses will be necessarily rather heavy. I know that many of you will join me in prayer. Oh, if some great revivals break out of such a conference, then surely the expense will be of little moment. The editor is personally guaranteeing these expenses, looking to God to bear the burden, since we do not have the money.

But above all I hope you will pray that every speaker will be anointed with the Holy Ghost. I hope that there will be tears in every service, that there will be a holy abandonment of ourselves to Christ. I believe that many will surrender for full-time service on the mission fields and in the pulpits of our country, and hundreds and hundreds of others should give themselves for soul-winning in every walk of life where they are.

We beg you, dear readers, to pray.

Don't forget the time, November 8 to 15. We hope that visitors from several states will attend. Look for further announcements, in *The Sword of the Lord* and in *Moody Monthly*.

## Introduction to Book

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luminating and helpful. I heartily recommend it for it is both sane and scriptural.

Here, then, is a book that extols a prayer-hearing God. Would that it might be used as a textbook on Prayer by every Bible Institute and Theological Seminary in the country, for this is just what the student needs. Would that it might be sent to every missionary throughout the world, for nothing could bring greater encouragement. Would that ministers, evangelists, and Christian workers everywhere, could secure a copy, for it would revolutionize the prayer life of thousands.

Best of all, the ministry of the author demonstrates the potency of his prayer life. Dr. Rice prays, hence he feels what he writes. We are conscious of his own heart throbs as we read. He speaks of what he knows, and so our hearts are stirred and moved by the Spirit of God as we pore over the pages of his book. His writings, like his sermons, are convicting. Oh, what a gift!

Dr. Rice has held a campaign in The Peoples Church. He will hold another. His messages can never be forgotten by the crowds that heard him. He is by no means an armchair theologian. His preaching is fearless and to the point. I thank God for him and feel privileged to be counted his friend.

His great book on prayer I most heartily recommend. May the God of prayer grant it a wide and rapid circulation and may its author be long spared to prove that God hears and God answers prayer.

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## An Appreciation and An Apology . . .

Due to labor shortage, it has been impossible for us to secure sufficient skilled assistance, both in the mechanical departments and office. This has made it impossible for us to keep up with our correspondence. We appreciate very much the large number of letters received during the past few weeks, some with orders, some asking for information regarding something they wish printed. These letters are being kept, and just as quickly as possible they will be answered. We regret that we are unable to give better service to these prospective customers, but we feel that our regular customers of long standing have priority on our time and service.

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